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Monthly Meeting

March 19, 2013

Attendance:

Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Chairman

Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) – Vice Chairman

Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member

Dottie Krull (Republican Seat 2) – Board Member

Ashley Peck – Secretary, Elections Supervisor & Chief Registrar

I. Call to order. Chairman Oskam called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes of February 26, 2013.

The minutes were amended to reflect the correct date of March 19, 2013 for the date the Board would be voting on the new By-Laws.

***Motion:** Mr. Drew made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.*

III. News/Issues

- Ms. Peck reports that the new VR system is working well following the Secretary of State's corrections of the initial problems with the new Voter Registration System.
- Ms. Peck reports that the office is in the process of updating and creating policy that incorporates the new Voter Registration System.
- Ms. Peck reports that all of the voter registration applications and changes that were being held while the new Voter Registration System was launching has been entered into the new system.

IV. TVIC Law Review

- A discuss was held to ascertain a directive from The Board concerning the proper procedures in issuing Voter ID cards.
- Issue: Should the Elections and Voter Registration Office issue a Voter ID card to people with an expired driver's license. Georgia Code 21-2-417.1 states that someone is not eligible for a Georgia Voter ID card if they have a valid unexpired driver's license or identification card. However, someone can use an expired Georgia driver's license to vote.
- Decision: The Board determined that there was a conflict with the code concerning what is acceptable photo ID to present at voting and the code concerning the issuing of Voter Identification Cards. However, the office would issue Voter Identification Cards to people with an expired driver's license as Georgia Code 21-2-417.1 states. The Board requests that Ms. Peck discuss the issue with KC Horne, the county attorney, to determine if any clarification or change could be made in the laws concerning this issue.

***Motion:** Mr. Drew made a motion to reflect the above decision of The Board. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.*

V. Contingency Plan Update

- **The Contingency Plan was updated to reflect the changes discussed in February's monthly meeting.**

- **Motion:** *Mr. Drew made a motion to accept the updated contingency plan. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.*

VI. By-Laws Update

- **The By-Laws were updated to reflect the wording change in Article IV, concerning the removal of a Board Member, which was recommended and voted on in February's monthly meeting.**
- *The By-Laws were signed by all Board Members.*

VII. VR Training for The Board

- The Board determined that Ms. Peck would create a training on the new Voter Registration System and that the training would be conducted the second week in April. Ms. Peck is to notify The Board Members by e-mail of the specific date.

VIII. Grant for Polling Places

- Upon reviewing the grant The Board determined that it would not be an option to pursue in regards to the parking area at Berea Baptist Church (East Precinct) due to the fact that the church would be required to sign a 12 year contract.
- Ms. Peck reports that the county will be looking at the Grant to see if it is an option for the new Office/Advanced Voting location.

IX. Budget – 2014

- Ms. Peck reports that the 2014 Budget is due on April 3, 2013.
- Ms. Peck reports that in response to the request from Mr. Oskam the 2014 Budget does request funds for 2 Board Members to attend the annual conferences, GEOA and VRAG.
- Ms. Peck reports that the Budget has been written to include the cost of 5 elections.
- A discussion is held concerning an increase to The Board Members per diem on Election Days. *Mr. Drew makes a motion to increase the Board Members per diem to \$150.00 on Election Days, only. No second is given. The motion fails.*

X. Office Move

- Ms. Peck reports that noting official has been decided in regards to moving the Elections and Voter Registration Office. However, Ms. Peck was given direction to review the current, proposed plan and update that plan if needed.
- Ms. Peck requests that The Board Members review the current plan, make any recommendations or changes, and submit those to Ms. Peck to incorporate in the new layout.

XI. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Mr. Drew makes a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Sorohan seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Chairman Oskam adjourns the meeting at 11:13 am.